

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 (Canceled).

26 (New). A method comprising:

storing a video stream in a video storage device;

displaying a portion of the video stream at least initially delayed by a time delay;

and

when the time delay is greater than a predetermined threshold, displaying the video stream from the storage device and when the time delay is less than a predetermined threshold, displaying the video stream without storing said stream.

27 (New). The method of claim 26 including allowing portions of the video stream to be alternately written to and read from the storage device and storing in a temporary buffer the next portion to be written to the storage device while another portion is being read from the storage device.

28 (New). The method of claim 26 further including allowing one or more portions of the video stream to be read from the storage device to retrieve the video stream with one or more time delays that are user-specified.

29 (New). The method of claim 26 wherein storing the video stream further comprises allowing the video stream to be compressed prior to writing the video stream to the storage device.

30 (New). The method of claim 27 wherein displaying the video stream from the storage device when the time delay is greater than the predetermined threshold comprises decompressing the video stream after retrieving the video stream from the storage device.

31 (New). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that, if executed, enable a computer to:

record a video stream;
display a portion of video stream at least initially delayed by a time delay; and
when the time delay is greater than a predetermined threshold, display the video stream from the storage device and when the time delay is less than the predetermined threshold, display the video stream without storing said stream.

32 (New). The article of claim 31 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the computer to allow portions of the video stream to be alternately written to and read from the storage device and storing in a temporary buffer the next portion to be written to the storage device while another portion is being read from the storage device.

33 (New). The article of claim 31 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the computer to allow one or more portions of the video stream to be read from the storage device to retrieve the video stream with one or more time delays that are user-specified.

34 (New). The article of claim 31 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the computer to compress the video stream prior to writing the video stream to the storage device.

35 (New). The article of claim 32 further storing instructions that, if executed, enable the computer to allow portions of the video stream to be displayed from the storage device when the time delay is greater than the predetermined threshold comprises decompressing the video stream after retrieving the video stream from the storage device.

36 (New). A system comprising:
a storage to store a video stream;
a controller to display a portion of the video stream at least initially delayed by a time delay, wherein when the time delay is greater than a predetermined threshold, said controller to display the video stream from the storage and when the time delay is less than a predetermined threshold, said controller to display the video stream without storing said stream.

37 (New). The system of claim 36 including a display.

38 (New). The system of claim 36, said controller including a temporary buffer and wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the controller to allow portions of the video stream to be alternately written to and read from the storage and store in its temporary buffer the next portion to be written to the storage while another portion is being read from the storage.

39 (New). The system of claim 38 including said controller to allow one or more portions of the video stream to be read from the storage to retrieve the video stream with one or more time delays that are user specified.

40 (New). The system of claim 39 wherein said controller to allow the video stream to be compressed prior to writing the video stream to the storage.

41 (New). The system of claim 39 wherein said storage decompresses the video stream after retrieving the video stream from the storage when the time delay is greater than the predetermined threshold.
